

## INFORMATION PAPER

1. **PURPOSE:** To Provide Guidance to Military Components on Fort Drum's Policy for Constructing Small Fires as Part of Cold Weather Training Exercises.

2. **INFORMATION:** The following guidance is provided by the Directorate of Emergency Services, Fire & Emergency Services Division to all training components requesting to construct small fires as part of cold weather training missions.

- a. A responsible person shall be designated as a Fire Watch. It shall be his or her responsibility to ensure all fires are extinguished. It is also their responsibility to ensure the guidance provided is strictly adhered to.
- b. The use of flammable or combustible liquids is prohibited.
- c. Use only dry wood that is dead and down, do not cut live trees or vegetation.
- d. Do not burn pressure treated lumber.
- e. Fires must be attended at all times.
- f. An approved fire extinguisher must be available at all times.
- g. Clear an area 10 feet around the fire.
- h. The fire must be contained such as in a clean 55-gallon drum, campfire ring, rocks, etc.
- i. Fires shall not be located within 50 feet of any combustible structure or vehicle.
- j. The use of strike anywhere matches is strictly prohibited.
- k. It is not the intent to allow huge bon fires. Fires are to be for training purposes only. Fires shall be easily controlled and easily extinguished.
- l. No fires will be allowed during Fire Danger 3 and Fire Danger 4 conditions.
- m. Fires that get out of control shall be reported to the Fire and Emergency Services Dispatch center immediately, **CALL 911** not 4131. Units shall make every attempt to safely fight the fire. Units shall remain in the vicinity of the fire and assist the Fire Department upon their arrival.
- n. All requests shall be submitted via the Fort Drum form 541 for review/approved from the PW Environmental Division and the Fire and Emergency Services Division NLT 14 days prior to the proposed mission start date.

**CONCLUSION:** Unit's will take responsibility for their actions. Knowledge of this installation policy is essential for planning and coordination of a successful training mission. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Fire Prevention and Training Office (315) 772-4702; DSN 772.